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## MEAT ANIMALS PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

**Charleston, West Virginia – The production of meat animals** in West Virginia during 2018 totaled 143.0 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2017. Cattle and calves production decreased to 141.5 million pounds from 154.2 million pounds in 2017. Hogs and pigs production increased 9 percent to 1.48 million pounds from 1.36 million pounds in 2017. The value of production of meat animals decreased to \$158.2 million compared to the value of \$178.3 million in 2017.

**Total 2018 cash receipts** from marketings for all meat animals were \$174.4 million, down 10 percent from cash receipts of \$194.9 million in 2017. Cattle and calves accounted for over 99 percent of the total cash receipts and hogs and pigs accounted for less than 1 percent.

**The 2018 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs was \$178.9 million, down 11 percent from the 2017 gross income of \$200.6 million. Gross income from cattle and calves was down 11 percent, but hogs and pigs was up 38 percent from 2017.

**Cattle and calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 11 percent during 2018. Receipts totaled \$173.6 million compared with \$194.3 million in 2017. All cattle and calf marketings during 2018 reached 155.7 million pounds, down from 167.3 million pounds in 2017.

**Hogs and pigs:** Cash receipts from marketings of hogs and pigs were \$795,000 during 2018, up 43 percent from the 2017 cash receipts of \$557,000. Marketings of 1.5 million pounds during 2018 were 53 percent above the 2017 total marketings of 1.0 million pounds.

**United States – Total 2018 production** of cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled 85.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2017. Production increased 5 percent for cattle and calves and 5 percent for hogs and pigs.

**Total 2018 cash receipts** from marketings of meat animals increased slightly to \$88.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total and hogs and pigs accounted for 24 percent.

**The 2018 gross income** from cattle and calves and hogs and pigs for the United States totaled \$88.7 billion, up slightly from 2017. Gross income increased slightly for cattle and calves and increased slightly for hogs and pigs from previous year's gross income.

**Cattle and Calves:** Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased slightly from \$66.9 billion in 2017 to \$67.1 billion in 2018. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.9 billion pounds in 2018, up 4 percent from 2017.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$21.1 billion during 2018, up slightly from 2017. Marketings totaled 40.1 billion pounds in 2018, up 5 percent from 2017.

*Note: Gross income equals cash receipts plus value of home consumption. Cash receipts equals receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Marketings exclude custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.*